

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 30 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6189–S6322

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3546–3555, and S. Res. 519. **Page S6283**

Measures Reported:

S. 3549, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to strengthen Government review and oversight of foreign investment in the United States, to provide for enhanced Congressional Oversight with respect thereto. (S. Rept. No. 109–264)

S. 3237, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 109–265)

S. 2321, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille. **Page S6281**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Miami Heat: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the National Basketball Association Championship. **Pages S6321–22**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6191**

Withdrawn:

Pursuant to the order of June 20, 2006, failing to receive 60 votes in the affirmative, the following amendments were withdrawn:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 179), Kennedy Amendment No. 4322, to amend the Fair Labor

Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S6191–S6203**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 180), Enzi Amendment No. 4376, to promote job creation and small business preservation in the adjustment of the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S6191, S6203–04**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia. **Page S6191**

Levin Amendment No. 4320, to state the sense of Congress on the United States policy on Iraq. **Pages S6204–39**

Kerry Amendment No. 4442, to require the redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq in order to further a political solution in Iraq, encourage the people of Iraq to provide for their own security, and achieve victory in the war on terror. **Pages S6191, S6239–74**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 22, 2006; that there be a period of 60 minutes for debate thereon; following conclusion of that debate, the Minority Leader will be recognized to speak for 15 minutes, following that period of debate, the Majority Leader will be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; following which, Senate will vote on Levin Amendment No. 4320, to be followed by a vote on Kerry Amendment No. 4442 (both listed above), to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; provided further, that Senators be authorized to file second-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m. **Page S6322**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—180) Pages S6203, S6203–04

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6322.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3237, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (Committee approved a written report to accompany the bill.); and

A list of 3,741 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

FREIGHT RAILROAD INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine economics, service, and capacity in the freight railroad industry, after receiving testimony from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Dale Schuler, National Association of Wheat Growers, Carter, Montana, on behalf of sundry organizations; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and John B. Ficker, National Industrial Transportation League, both of Arlington, Virginia; John L. McIntosh, Olin Corporation, Clayton, Missouri, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine accelerating

the adoption of health information technology, focusing on efforts to improve efficiency, reduce medical errors, increase the quality of medical care, and provide better information for patients and physicians, after receiving testimony from former Representative Newt Gingrich, on behalf of the Center for Health Transformation; Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Leavitt, Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology, Chicago, Illinois; John Halamka, Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel, Boston, Massachusetts; Michael Raymer, GE Healthcare, Seattle, Washington; Kevin Hutchinson, SureScripts LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; and Terry Ragon, InterSystems Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report entitled "Wildland Fire Suppression—Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns About Cost Sharing Between Federal and Nonfederal Entities" (GAO–06–570), after receiving testimony from Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior for Policy; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; and Anne Heissenbuttel, National Association of State Foresters, Washington, D.C.

CHEMICAL SITE SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine inherently safer technology in the context of chemical site security, focusing on the release of hazardous chemicals from industrial facilities and how to prevent such releases and to improve preparedness and response capabilities, after receiving testimony from Senator Biden; Lisa P. Jackson, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; Dennis C. Hendershot, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Furlong, Pennsylvania; Philip J. Crowley, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.; David A. Moore, Acutech Consulting Group, Alexandria, Virginia; and Charlie Cott, Missouri Farmers